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**Workers' Compensation Insurance
Exemption Registration & Verification Process**

Certain construction service providers may apply for exemption from Workers' Compensation coverage for themselves by registering with the Tennessee Secretary of State's office beginning January 4, 2011 for those construction services providers not having a license with the Board for Licensing Contractors, and February 1, 2011 for state licensed contractors at <http://tnbear.tn.gov/wc/>.

Effective March 1, 2011, any person or entity interested in determining whether a construction services provider has registered for a Workers' Compensation Coverage exemption may access the Workers' Compensation exemption registry at <http://tnbear.tn.gov/wc/> pursuant to Tennessee Public Chapter 1149.

For questions pertaining to the online or paper registration process, you may email the Secretary of State's office at: WorkersComp.ExemptionRegistry@tn.gov.

Electronic verification of Workers' Compensation insurance coverage can be obtained from the Department of Labor and Work Force Development through their website at <http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/wcomp.shtml> under "Coverage Verification" (just below "Agency Services").

Details of this new law, 2010 Tennessee Public Chapter 1149, is available through the Board for Licensing Contractors website's "Laws, Rules and Regulations" link at: <http://tn.gov/commerce/boards/contractors/>

Please note that, effective October 1, 2011, Tennessee Public Chapter 422 amended parts of Public Chapter 1149. Details of this new law may be found at the following link: <http://www.tn.gov/sos/acts/107/pub/pc0422.pdf>.